

Water Quality Testing Program for Barrington Hills Residents

Annual water quality tests for bacteria and nitrates are recommended for all homeowners with private wells.

This March BACOG in partnership with Lake County Health Department are facilitating local access to water quality tests to Barrington Area residents.



How to participate:

1. Sign-up and purchase a test kit between Monday, March 7th and Thursday, March 10th at the Barrington Hills Village Hall. Tests cost \$10.00.
2. Take the water sample on March 14th or March 16th (as specified on your kit) and drop it off between 4:00-8:00 PM that same day at the Barrington High School located at 616 W. Main Street in Barrington. (Park in the visitor's lot)

Bring the sample to the drop-off location as soon as possible after collecting the water. Samples must remain cool and be analyzed within 24 hours.

Lake County Health will notify residents of results.

Through this program BACOG will offer annual reminders for participants and free well & septic informational materials. Drop off your sample at 5:00 PM on March 14th to hear several short presentations and to talk with water experts.

Households with private wells are advised to test for bacteria and nitrates on an annual basis to detect these invisible, odorless contaminants. These contaminants can result from animal or human waste or fertilizer components reaching the well water and can cause illness in humans. The test is fast, easy and inexpensive, and the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) and the Village of Barrington Hills are working with Lake County Health Department to make it even easier.

Most of the Barrington area residents drink water that is drawn from the shallow aquifers and bedrock that lie within the first several hundred feet below ground surface. The state requires *public* water supplies to be tested for a wide range of contaminants on a routine basis, but with *private* wells that serve just one or two households, there is no regulation requirement for routine testing on existing wells– that means you are responsible for making sure your water is safe to drink!

For more information visit www.bacog.org
or www.barringtonhills-il.gov
Kits can be picked up between 3/7-3/10 at the Village Hall located at 112 Algonquin Road
Mon.– Fri. from 9:00-5:00 PM.

